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NOTICE OF DOMESTIC SECTION 214 AUTHORIZATION GRANTED

WC Docket No. 17-99

The Wireline Competition Bureau (Bureau) granted the application listed in this notice pursuant to the Commission's streamlined procedures for domestic Section 214 transfer of control applications, 47 CFR § 63.03. The Bureau determined that a grant of this application serves the public interest. For purposes of computation of time when filing a petition for reconsideration or application for review, or for judicial review of the Commission's decision, the date of "public notice" shall be the release date of this notice. Should no petitions for reconsideration, applications for review, or petitions for judicial review be timely filed, the proceeding listed in this Public Notice shall be terminated, and the docket will be closed.

Domestic Section 214 Application Filed for the Transfer of Control of Southern Light, LLC to Uniti Group Inc., Public Notice, DA 17-474, WC Docket No. 17-99 (WCB May 16, 2017).

Effective Grant Date: June 16, 2017

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¹ 47 CFR § 63.03(b); Implementation of Further Streamlining Measures for Domestic Section 214 Authorizations, Report and Order, 17 FCC Rcd 5517, 5529, para. 22 (2002); see Applications Filed by Qwest Communications and CenturyTel, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink for Consent to Transfer Control, Memorandum Opinion and Order, 26 FCC Rcd 4194, 4202, para. 15 (2011) (referring to Applicants' overlapping competitive local exchange carrier (LEC) operations and stating "[r]ather than harming competition, we believe that the combination of the Applicants' facilities in these markets could result in a stronger competitive LEC and enhance the merged company's ability to compete against the incumbent LEC."); Applications Filed for the Transfer of Control of tw telecom inc. to Level 3 Communications, Inc., Memorandum Opinion and Order, 29 FCC Rcd 12842, 12847, para. 14 (WCB/IB 2014) (finding that the combination of two competitive LECs with largely complimentary networks could be a stronger competitor to incumbent LECs and large national providers, thereby resulting in benefits for consumers).

² *Id.*; see 47 CFR § 1.4 (Computation of time).